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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

Paszkowski

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For: **System and Method for Producing High  
Purity Colloidal Silica and  
Potassium Hydroxide**

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Honorable Commissioner:

The Office Action from Patent Examiner Chester Barry mailed on November 9, 2002 has been received and reviewed. No extension of time is believed necessary as the deadline for this response fell on a weekend and subsequently a federal holiday. The following is submitted in response thereto:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method for producing high purity colloidal silica comprising the steps of:  
providing a quantity of potassium silicate;